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CURRENT OPERATIONS BRIEF
28 Jun 2012

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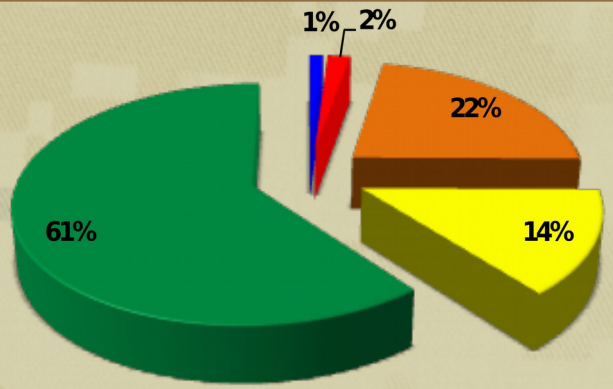
Role of United States Marine Corps

- **A Maritime Nation – naval forces fulfill our global maritime responsibilities**
  - **Not reliant on host nation support**
  - **Step lightly on allies and host countries**
  - **Operate simultaneously, and seamlessly across three domains (sea, land, air)**
  - **Provides operational reach and agility (buy time, decision space)**
- **Scalable and relevant across the range of military operations**
- **Expeditionary – a "state of conditioning"**
  - **Postured to respond at a moments notice**
- **Middleweight Force – unique lane in America's armed forces**
  - ***"… an efficient and effective hedge against the Nation's most likely risks."***

USMC Personnel



Active Component - Operating Forces: 123,44
Trainees, Transients, Patients, Prisoners: 28,
Supporting Establishment: 45,001
Activated Reservists: 3,799
Active Reserve: 2,212

Total on active duty: 202,883

Total Deployed: ~26,000

Total Afghanistan: ~16,300

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Marines in Afghanistan

RC NORTH

Marine Electronic Attack Squadron (VMAQ)

NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan (NTM-A)

RC WEST

RC EAST

RC CAPITAL

Special Operations Task Force HQs (RC-W)
Marine Special Operations Company (RC-W)
Marine Special Operations Company (RC-SW)

Commander ISAF / US Forces - Afghanista
General John R. Allen
Joint Staff Kabul – Individual Augments

RC SOUTH
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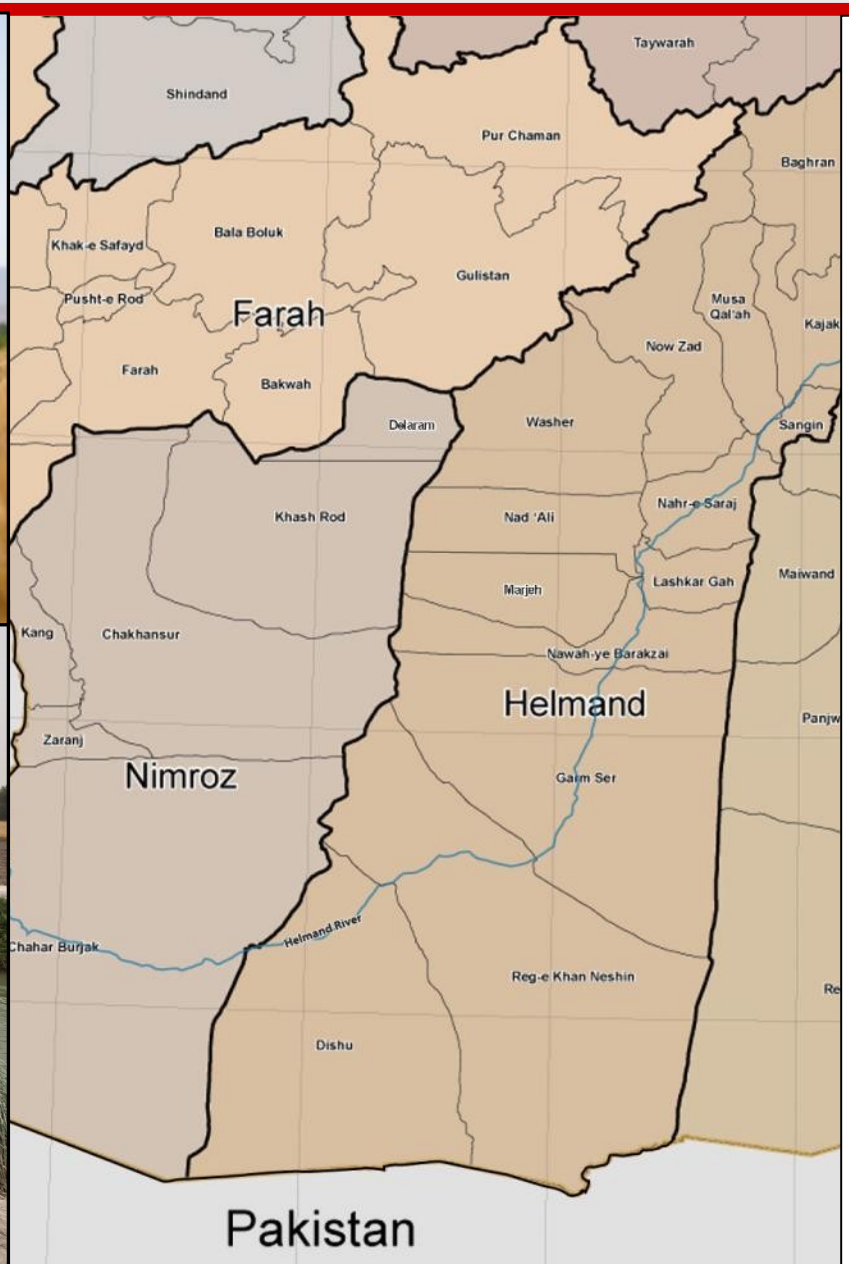
Marine Corps Logistics Command (Fwd)

RC SOUTHWEST

I Marine Expeditionary Force (Fwd)
Major General Charles M. Gurganus

RC(SW) Situational Overview



- **Geography**
  - Borders Pakistan/Iran
  - Nimroz & Helmand
  - Desert Plateau
  - Helmand River
- **Population**
  - 2011 Afghan Census
    - Helmand- 1,011,163
    - Nimroz- 179,707
  - Helmand-Pashtun majority
  - Nimroz-Baluch majority
- **Helmand Economy**
  - Agricultural
  - Animal Husbandry
  - Transport Companies
  - Narcotics Trafficking
- **Enemy**
  - Taliban
  - Close ties to Helmand
  - Poppy as income source

RC(SW) Counter Insurgency Efforts

Security
- Fighting the Taliban
- Partnering with Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF)
- Transition of Responsibility

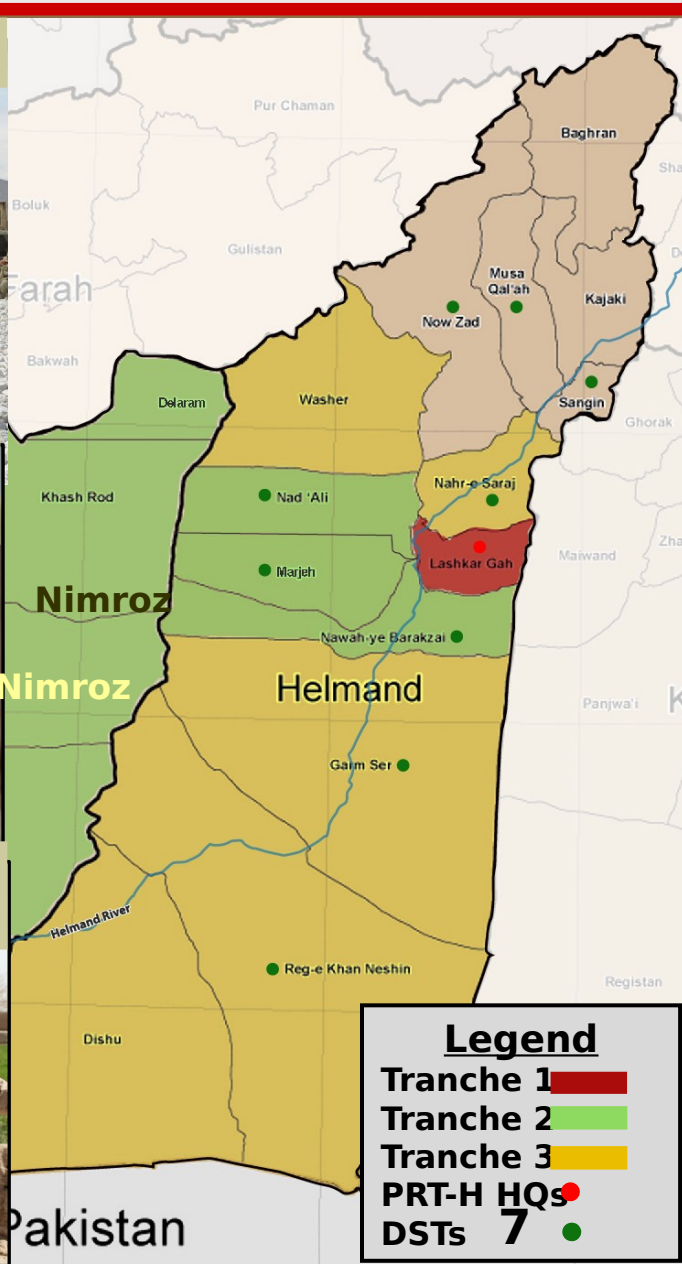
Governance
- Governors in 12 of 14 districts
- PRT-Helmand and DSTs
- Providing services increases credibility

Development
- Infrastructure
- Agribusiness Development Team
- Agriculture
- Alternative Livelihood Program

ANSF - Taking the Lead

Partnering - Professionalization

Infrastructure – Improvements



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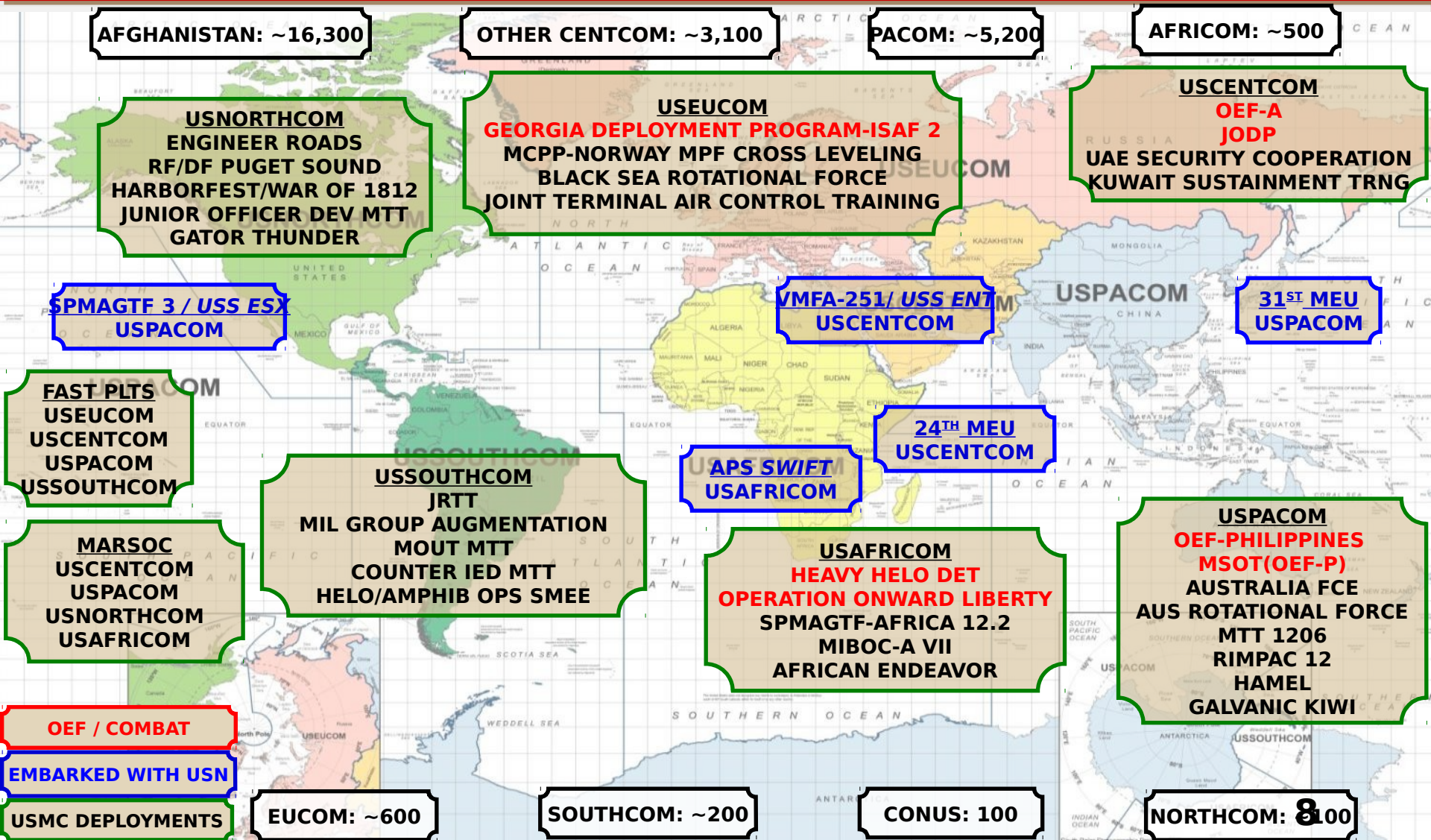
Global Force Disposition

(AS OF 28 JUNE 12)

Operation Enduring Freedom ~17,200 + **DEP W/US Navy ~3,900** + **Other Exercises ~4,900** = **Total Deployed ~26,000**



Marine Expeditionary Units (MEUs)

15TH MEU
CAMP PENDLETON, CA

13TH MEU
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26TH/22D MEU
CAMP LEJEUNE, NC

31ST MEU
USPACOM

24TH MEU
USCENTCOM

USEUCOM
USNORTHCOM
USPACOM
USCENTCOM
USSOUTHCOM
USAFRICOM
USPACOM

PRE-DEPLOYED

DEPLOYED

POST-DEPLOYED

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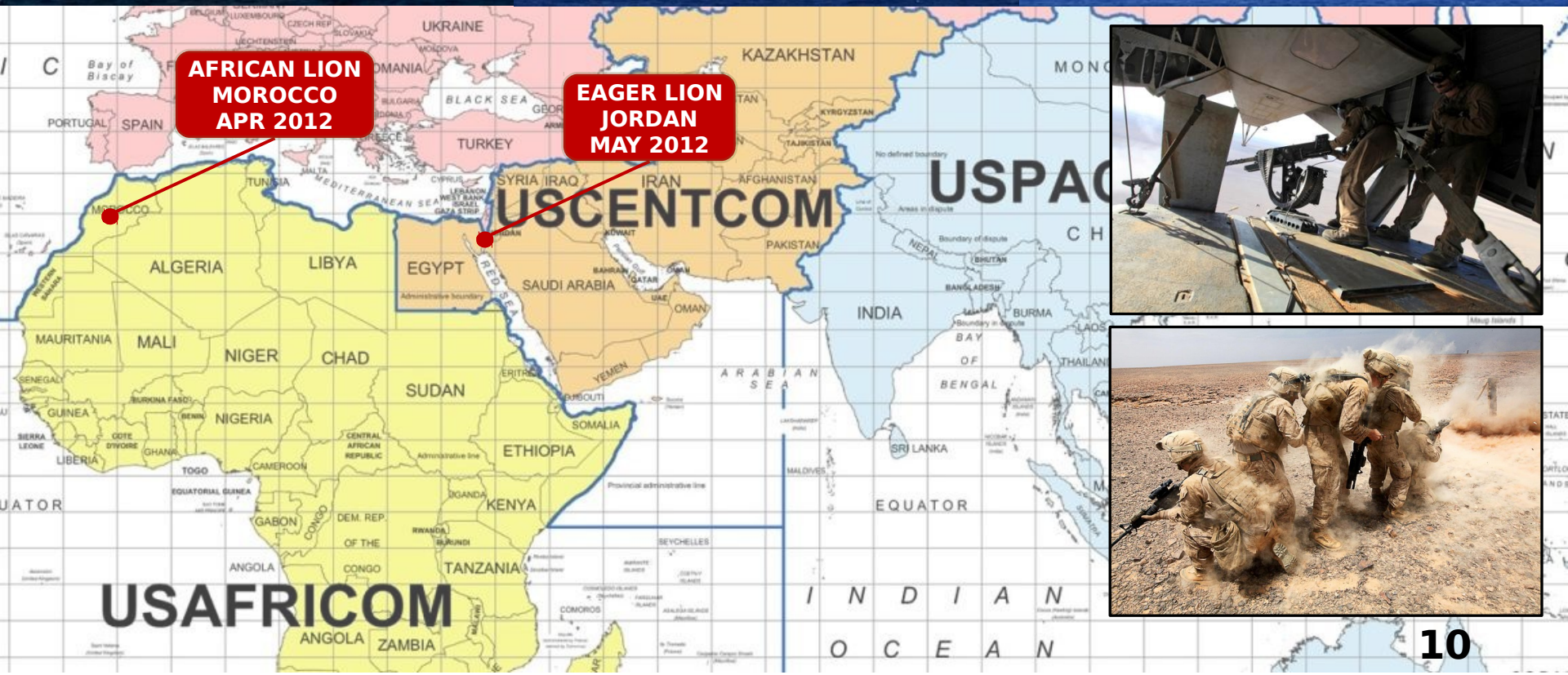
24TH Marine Expeditionary Unit

COL F. L. DONOVAN

BLT 1/2, VMM-261 (REIN), CLB–24 DEPLOYMENT DATES: MAR 2012 – NOV 2012

USS IWO JIMA (LHD-7) ***USS NEW YORK (LPD-21)*** ***USS GUNSTON HALL (LSD-44)***



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31ST Marine Expeditionary Unit

COL J.E. MERNA

BLT 2/1, HMM-262 (REIN), VMA-542, CLB–31 DEPLOYMENT DATES: JUN 12 –

USS BONHOMME RICHARD(LHD-2) ***USS DENVER (LPD-9)*** ***USS TORTUGA (LSD-46)***

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